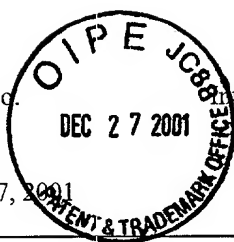


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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/JP00/03688
International Filing Date: April, 27, 2001
Priority Date Claimed: April 28, 2000
Title of Invention: ARTIFICIAL DURA MATER
Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: Koji Yamaguchi and Tomohiko Asahara

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2. (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
3. (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
 - a) () is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) (X) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) (X) a copy of Form PCT/1B/308 is enclosed.
 - d) () is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
4. (X) A translation of the International Application into English (35 USC 371(c)(2)).
5. (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
 - a) () are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) () have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) () have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d) (X) have not been made and will not be made.
6. (X) International Search Report.
7. (X) PCT Request Form.
8. (X) Verification of translation.
9. (X) International Application as published -face sheet only.
10. (X) A return prepaid postcard.
11. (X) The following fees are submitted:

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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$890
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED				\$890

12. (X) A check in the amount of \$890.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
13. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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